



# The Town Crier

A Newsletter from the Town of Warrenton



## Warrenton – Fauquier Heritage Day

By Paula Johnson

See Warrenton's past come alive during the eighth annual Warrenton-Fauquier Heritage Day, coming Saturday, September 22. This rain-or-shine event is free, family friendly, and runs from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Throughout the day there will be continuous events and lectures to commemorate the historic heritage of Warrenton.

A historically sequenced parade begins at 10:00 AM, and will be announced by Mr. John Cheatwood. Following the parade, a living history event will take place at the Warren Green Building, where the Mosby Players re-enactor, Mr. Roy Kennedy will portray Federal Gen. George B. McClellan, reciting his farewell speech from the balcony as he did in 1862. McClellan was most notable for having been relieved of his command by President Lincoln and the command of the Army of the Potomac was passed on to General Irving Burnside.

Immediately after the reenactment, the statue of Col. John S. Mosby will be rededicated; after having been recently resealed.



### Excellent Lectures Offered

A Speaker's Program entitled "The Eve of Fredericksburg – The Federal Army in and around Warrenton – fall 1862" runs throughout the day at the Warrenton Visitor's Center. This special Heritage Day Speaker's Program was set up by local historian, Prof. James Flanagan to commemorate the 19th century historic events that happened in our community and to recognize Fauquier's unique heritage.

The lecture schedule includes:

8:30 AM – "The Union Occupation of Fauquier County," presented by local historian and author Mr. John Toler.

11:30 AM – "The Planning and Preparation of the Battle of Fredericksburg," presented by Mr. Frank O'Reilly of the National Park Service.

1:00 PM – "The Civil War in Fauquier County," presented by Mr. Donald Tharpe.

2:00 PM – "Robert E. Lee's Strategy and Defensive Plan in the Battle of Fredericksburg," presented by Mr. Gar Schulin.

3:00 PM – "The Confederate Artillery Star at Hamilton's Crossing," presented by Prof. James Flanagan.

### Plenty to See and Do

Historic, heritage and civic informational tables will be set up from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, while period entertainment and dancing will be presented in Courthouse Square and at the Mosby House Grounds. Period encampments also will be set up at the Warrenton Visitor's Center.

A Children's Corner manned by teachers will present history to kids in a fun and entertaining way, including demonstrations of period clothing and toys.

And for everyone, Town tours will be conducted, living historians will be on site, and displays will tell the story of the area's past.

For true railroad buffs, the Piedmont Model Railroaders, founded in Warrenton in 1995, will set up their railroad displays in the John Barton Payne Building. The HO scale models will be on display Saturday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

All of Warrenton's museums will be open. Liberty Heritage Museum, located at 26 Main Street, will showcase its 1860's significant artifact display, including Gen. Turner Ashby's captured saber, Ashby's death photograph, the jeweled presentation sword of Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan, and the gold and silver sword of Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside. The ten-foot long painting, "The First Maine Cavalry at Brandy Station, VA, June 9, 1863," by Isaac Eaton will be on display only on that Saturday.

The Warrenton Caboose will be open from 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM for tours and The Old Jail Museum will have a new display, children's activities, and tours.

The event is supported by the Town of Warrenton and Fauquier County. For more information, or to volunteer, please email pauladrdr@aol.com or call (540) 341-7019. The event registration form can be downloaded from [www.mosbyplayers.com](http://www.mosbyplayers.com). Please check back often for new additions to the event. ■





# Police Department News



## Sgt. Lynne Zett Retires



After 25 years of loyal service to the community, First Sergeant Lynne Zett will be retiring at the end of September.

Zett began her career with the Warrenton Police Department in October 1987. She quickly rose through the department's ranks, becoming a corporal in 1990, a patrol sergeant in 1994, an investigator in 1996, and finally first sergeant in 2004. The rank of first sergeant is one of the highest ranks an officer can achieve with the Warrenton Police Department.

During her time as a first sergeant, Zett was responsible for managing the Property and Evidence Section, and was instrumental in obtaining state and federal grants for the department. As a senior supervisor, Zett would routinely cover shifts when needed for patrol sergeants.

Zett says she will be spending her retirement "paying back my husband for all the care and support he has given to me during my career, serving the Lord, and a little fly fishing."

"It's always with mixed emotion that we say goodbye to a veteran like Zett," said Chief Louis Battle. "She's been instrumental to the operation of this department for so long. We wish her all the best for a long, happy and healthy retirement."

Known for her lighthearted humor, leadership, and years of experience, Zett will certainly be missed by Warrenton Police Department personnel as well as the citizens of the Town. Chief Battle said she had exemplified dedication and commitment to public service by unselfishly serving the citizens of Warrenton day after day. ■

## Officer Arnold Promoted



The Warrenton Police Department is proud to announce that Officer Andrew Arnold was promoted to the rank of sergeant this past August.

Arnold began his law enforcement career with the department in December of 2008. Prior to that, Arnold worked in telecommunications for several companies including MCI WorldCom, AOL and Sprint Nextel. While at Sprint Nextel, Arnold worked in the Electronic Surveillance Division, installing, maintaining and troubleshooting wiretaps and pen registers. Arnold traveled around the country on behalf of Sprint Nextel, testifying at approximately 150 state and federal trials (including death penalty cases) about electronic surveillance, cell phone records, call routing and cell towers.

Sergeant Arnold first moved to Warrenton in 1998, but he actually grew up in South Africa. After high school, he attended George Mason University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice.

"Sergeant Arnold has displayed excellent leadership abilities and initiative in his four short years with the department," Chief Louis Battle said. "We expect this to continue in his supervisory role and for him to have a positive impact on his junior officers." ■

## To Prune or Not to Prune... That is the Question

If you're like many folks, you may have tree and shrub pruning on your "to do" list for fall. But before you haul out the pruning shears and saws, you should realize that this is not the best time to prune most trees and shrubs. There are many good reasons to hold off on pruning now. Most of these reasons relate to flowering, winter hardiness and appearance.

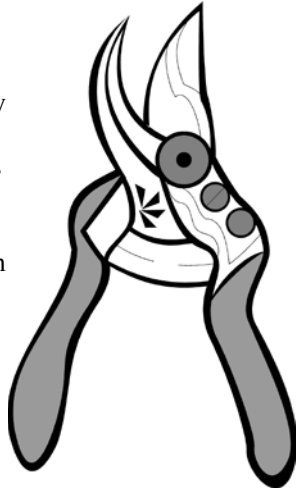
Spring flowering shrubs like azaleas and forsythia have already set next year's flower buds. Fall pruning will remove next spring's flower buds. They are best pruned right after flowering so they can make new growth, which will bear flowers the following spring. Shrubs that flower in mid to late summer, like crape myrtle and butterfly bush, are best pruned in late winter or early spring. They will flower on the new wood that grows during the spring. Pruning these plants in the fall increases the chance that they will suffer winter damage.

Evergreen shrubs that form foundation plantings or hedges are also best pruned in the late winter/early spring time period. Pruning in early fall may actually cause them to put out a few inches of new growth that will not have time to harden off and survive cold weather. Even though many of these plants are quite hardy and can take rather severe pruning, a hack job in the fall leaves an ugly plant for six months until new growth comes out in spring. A severe pruning job in late winter will only look bad for a few weeks and the plants will recover quickly.

It's important to remember that pruning cuts are basically wounds that offer easy entry points for insects and disease organisms. Pruning when the plant has the best chance to heal itself will minimize the potential for long-term problems. Many people routinely prune their plants at the wrong time or use incorrect pruning methods and the plants survive just fine. However, their plants may not flower to their potential, have the structure to withstand wind or ice and snow, or the hardiness to endure unusual cold spells.

Mature trees can be very difficult for the average homeowner to prune. It can involve special tools, ladders, or climbing to great heights that most homeowners should not attempt. A properly pruned tree will still have a natural shape and a strong framework of branches that will better withstand wind and ice and snow.

When choosing someone to work on valuable specimen trees, select a certified arborist. They will have the training



and skills to properly care for valuable trees. Avoid hiring companies that advertise 'topping' as a service. Tree topping is not a recommended pruning practice and should be avoided at all cost.

So, what can be pruned in the fall? Basically, not much. It's fine to cut out dead, diseased or insect damaged wood. When the leaves drop later this fall, unseen damage from this summer's storms may become evident and need attention. Long wispy growth on foundation plants can be trimmed to help shed snow, but again, put away the shears and save any heavy pruning for a few months.

*The Warrenton Tree Board* ■

## Trash Bags Available Soon At Visitor Center

One of the perks of life in Warrenton is an annual supply of free trash and recycling bags. But you have to come and get them!

The Town of Warrenton would like to remind all town residents that trash bag pick up time is just around the corner. The annual trash bag pick-up begins October 1.

If you're new to the Town of Warrenton, the Town gives out one free box of one hundred trash bags to each residence per year. Also, the town furnishes residents and businesses with blue bags for recycling. Beginning October 1, both types of bags will be available at the Warrenton Visitor Center, located at 33 N. Calhoun Street. The bags are available seven days a week from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. To claim yours, you'll need to show some type of identification that shows your Town address.

The trash bags are only distributed one time during the year. Blue bags, which must only be used for recyclables (glass, plastics & aluminum), are available as needed throughout the year, but there is a limit on how many and how often you can pick them up.

Once you have your supply of bags, please remember that the blue bags will not be picked up if they are used for trash, or have the wrong items placed in them. If

you have any questions about the bags or the recycling programs, call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. If you have questions about picking up the bags, call the Visitor Center at (540) 341-0988. ■



## What Grows Up Must Come Down (i.e., Leaves!)

As always, the Town of Warrenton has two leaf collections scheduled to help you get rid of all your fall leaves. The first leaf collection begins November 5 and runs for two weeks. The second collection runs from November 26 – December 7.

All property owners are requested to rake their leaves to the street line by 8:00 AM on their first day of collection. Please don't rake your leaves into the ditch line or gutters. This only causes clogging. And make sure you locate your leaves so vehicles are not blocking them. If crews can't get at your leaves, they will be left.

Remember, these collections are for leaves only. Any leaf piles contaminated with other things (like brush, limbs or rocks) will be left behind.

### Leaf Collection Schedule (See area map on page 7)

#### First Leaf Collection

<b>Area A</b>	<b>November 5 &amp; 6</b>
<b>Area B</b>	<b>November 7 &amp; 8</b>
<b>Area C</b>	<b>November 9 &amp; 13</b>
<b>Area D</b>	<b>November 14 &amp; 15</b>
<b>Area E</b>	<b>November 16</b>

(November 12 – Veterans Day – No leaf collection)

#### Second Leaf Collection

<b>Area A</b>	<b>November 26 &amp; 27</b>
<b>Area B</b>	<b>November 28 &amp; 29</b>
<b>Area C</b>	<b>Nov. 30 &amp; Dec. 3</b>
<b>Area D</b>	<b>December 4 &amp; 5</b>

## Holiday Refuse Schedule

### Columbus Day -- October 8

**Monday, 10/8/12** – Holiday; no refuse collection  
**Tuesday, 10/9/12** – Monday & Tuesday's refuse collection

**Wednesday, 10/10/12** – Recycling collection  
*(cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)*

**Thursday, 10/11/12** – Regular refuse collection

**Friday, 10/12/12** – Regular refuse collection

### Veterans Day -- November 12

**Monday, 11/12/12** – Holiday; no refuse collection  
**Tuesday, 11/13/12** – Monday & Tuesday's refuse collection

**Wednesday, 11/14/12** – Recycling collection  
*(cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)*

**Thursday, 11/15/12** – Regular refuse collection

**Friday, 11/16/12** – Regular refuse collection

### Thanksgiving -- November 22

**Monday, 11/19/12** – Regular refuse collection

**Tuesday, 11/20/12** – Regular refuse collection

**Wednesday, 11/21/12** – Recycling collection  
*(cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)*

**Thursday, 11/22/12** – Holiday; no refuse collection

**Friday, 11/23/12** – Holiday; no refuse collection

*A refuse truck will be available at the Public Works Facility (360 Falmouth Street) over the Holidays. ■*

## Town Water Lines to Get a Flushin'

As part of the Town's water line maintenance program, the Utility Department will be flushing water lines throughout the water system during the month of October between the hours of 7:00 PM and 1:00 AM.

If you experience any discoloration in your water, such as a rusty or brownish color, this can normally be resolved by running your cold water until it clears. This process usually takes two to seven minutes. Don't run the hot water to clear up the water. This only allows the discolored water to enter your hot water tank. If after all attempts have been made to clear up the water it is still discolored, please contact Warrenton Utilities Superintendent Richard Wines at (540) 347-1858 and a service person will respond.

This October time frame is tentative and may have to be adjusted if it becomes necessary to put water restrictions in place during October. ■



## Fall Clean-Up Scheduled

If you get an urge to do some spring cleaning in the fall, you are in luck. Each year the Town of Warrenton schedules Fall Clean-Up Week, and offers extra pick-up services to get rid of things around your house.

This year, Fall Clean-Up Week is scheduled for the week of October 15 - 19. Town trucks will provide extra collections in all residential areas to pick up trash, refuse and other items that cannot be handled on the regular weekly schedule. To take advantage of these special Fall Clean-Up pick-ups, place your items on the street line by 8:00 AM of the day scheduled for your neighborhood. If you miss the date, no return trips can be made.

All trash and refuse must be placed in proper containers. Here's a summary of what can be taken and how it should be prepared for pick up:

✓ **Tree Debris** – Tree trimmings and brush must be placed separately. Small clippings from bushes or shrubs should be bagged and placed with regular refuse. Town crews will not pick up tree trimmings and brush cut by tree and landscaping companies; that is the responsibility of the contractor/company doing the work.

✓ **Scrap Metal and Wood** – All metal must be separated from wood and placed separately. Stumps and logs will not be picked up.

✓ **Freon Appliances** – To have an appliance that contains Freon picked up (air conditioner units, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, refrigerators and freezers), you'll have to pay a \$10 fee. This is the amount the County Landfill charges to drain the Freon. Call Public Works in advance and make arrangements to have Freon items picked up and pay the fee. If the fee is not paid in advance, or if arrangements have not been made, the item will be left. If you set a refrigerator or freezer out for collection, please remove the door. This is not only for safety; the landfill requires it.

✓ **Car and Truck Tires** – To have tires picked up (with or without rims) you will have to pay \$3 per tire. This is the amount the County Landfill charges to shred the tires. Please call Public Works in advance and make arrangements to have them picked up and pay the fee. If the fee is not paid in advance, or if no arrangements have been made, the tires will not be picked up.

## No-No Items

The following items cannot be picked up during Fall Clean-Up Week:

- ✗ Televisions and computer monitors
- ✗ Computers
- ✗ Photocopy and fax machines
- ✗ Liquid paint, varnish and solvents

These items must be recycled at the landfill. For more information on how and when to take any of the items listed to the landfill, call the Fauquier County Waste Management Office at (540) 347-6811.

The Warrenton Town Public Works Department can be reached at (540) 347-1858. ■

## Fall Clean-Up Schedule (See area map on page 7)

**Area A** October 15th  
**Area B** October 16th  
**Area C** October 17th  
**Area D** October 18th  
**Area E** October 19th



## Town Brush Collection

Throughout the year, the Town of Warrenton offers brush collection services free to residents. When Town crews are not busy with other tasks, they go through neighborhoods and pick up brush that is properly put out for disposal. There's no set schedule for this service; it's provided on an "as can" basis.

To have your brush taken away, you need to understand what crews will take and how to put it out.

Brush collections are not for small trimmings, clippings, grass and leaves. This type of yard waste should be placed in bags and set out with your regular refuse. The brush collection is for brush, branches and limbs that can be fed through a chipper and turned into mulch. It's not for logs, stumps, sod, rocks or dirt.

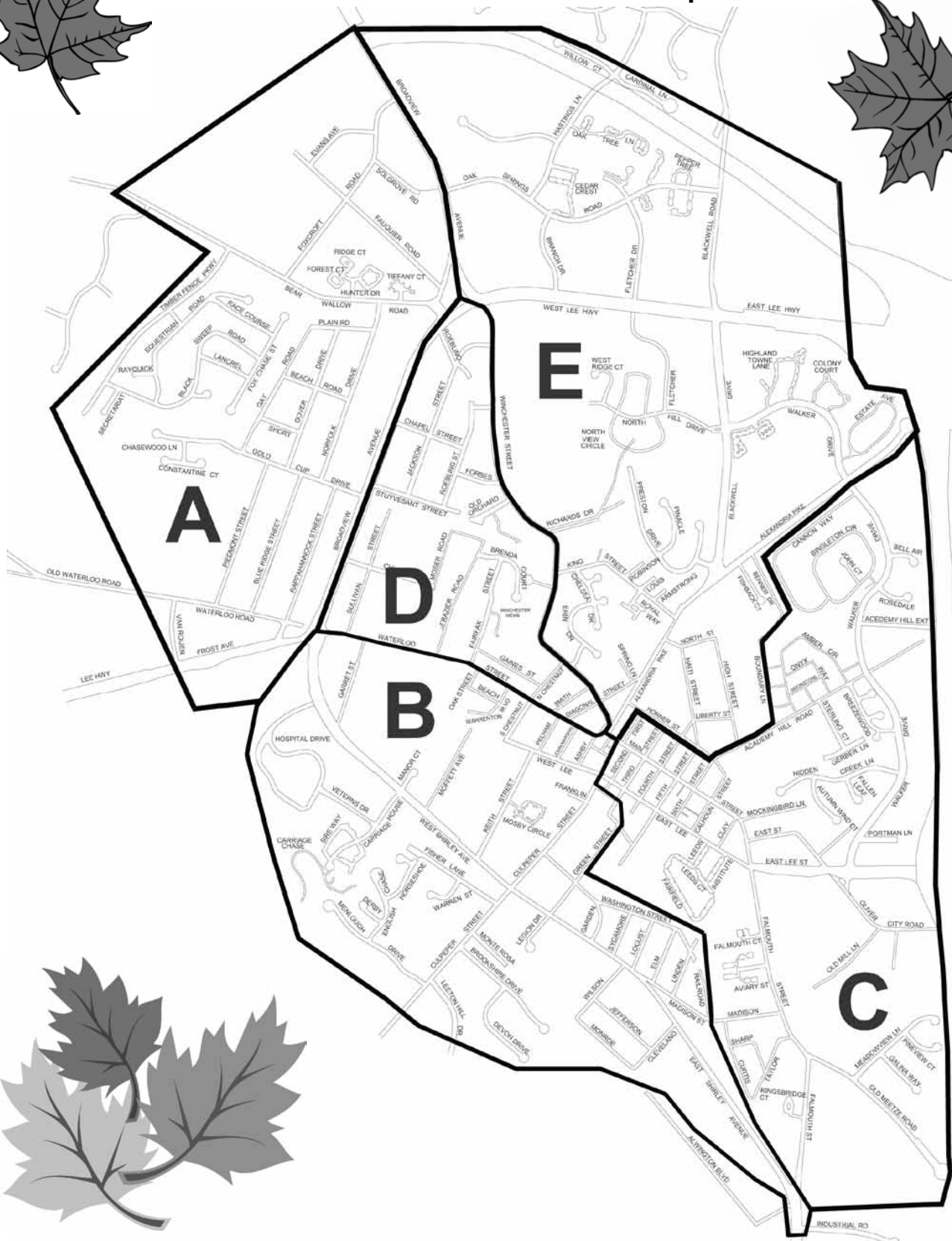
Residents should place their brush curbside (or at the edge of their road) in neat piles with limbs laying in one direction. Be careful not to place your brush where it will interfere with traffic or become blocked by parked cars. Once your brush is out by the road, call the Town's Public Works Office to get your name on the "Brush List." Then, as time permits, Town crews will come by and pick it up for you.

Remember that if you hire a contractor or a landscaping company to do tree trimming or landscape work, it is their responsibility to haul all of the trimmings, clippings and debris away. The Town's brush collection is not for that!

For more information about the brush collection service, or to get on the list, call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. ■

# Town Area Map

## For Fall Leaf Collections and Clean-Up Week





## Town Office Hours and Telephone Numbers

*Town Office Hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM*

*The area code is 540 unless otherwise noted.*

Finance Department.....	347-1102
Inspections .....	347-2405
Maintenance Shop.....	347-1858
Police Department	
Office of the Chief .....	347-1105
Police Station .....	347-1107
Non-emergency .....	347-1100
<b>Emergency .....</b>	<b>911</b>
Planning and Zoning .....	347-2405
Recreation Department (Aquatic Center) .....	349-2520
Recycling .....	347-1858
Sewage Plant.....	347-1104
Town Hall.....	347-1101
Town Manager .....	347-4505
Utilities.....	347-6574
Water Bills.....	347-2678
Water Plant.....	347-1103
TTD/TTY .....	1-800-828-1120

**After Hours Water and Sewer Emergency**  
**347-1100**



**Happy Fall!**  
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